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Polchief met September 10 with Klaus Famira, MFA European Correspondent, to discuss the upcoming GAERC. Famira offered the following views:

-- Georgia: GAERC participants are not expected to make any concrete decisions regarding the updating of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Georgia. There will instead be a more general discussion about how to advance the relationship with the eventual goal of reaching an Association Agreement.

-- Eastern Partnership: GAERC participants will discuss strategies for expanding trade and energy cooperation, liberalizing visa regulations, and establishing free trade zones with the Partnership nations.

-- Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka has been withdrawn from the agenda.  
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